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Serial No.: 10/015,234	\$	Examiner: Ali, Mohammad
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Filed: December 17, 2001	\$	Attorney Docket No.
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Title: System and Method for	\$	IBM Corporation, IP Law Dept.
Binding Processes in an E-	\$	11400 Burnet Road
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Non-Final Office Action having a mailing date of April 5, 2004, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 5, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections based upon the following response.

A one-month extension of time is believed to be necessary, payment for which is enclosed. However, if an

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extension of time is required, the additional extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

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